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AMENDMENT and REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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No new matter is added to the application by the amendments made hereinafter. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks regarding objections and rejections enumerated in the Office Action. In accordance with the notice "REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE: 37 CFR 1.121 CHANGED, effective July 30, 2003, the MPEP and 37 CFR, following are:

- (A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS,
- (B) AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION,
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1     **(A)     INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

2             Filed herewith is a Declaration of C. Richard Triola under rule 131, evidencing  
3     conception, reduction to practice, use and on-sale prior to December 1999, and due diligence in  
4     pursuing patentability.